

Another day of shame is upon us when an overzealous, self centered group cannot rise to positive competition. Through history special interest groups, like the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), have dragged their feet and tried to prevent change in order to preserve their antiquated ways. Like it or not, services such as XM Satellite Radio and their intuitive programing are successfull because they offer their subscribers what they want and need. It is foolish for the NAB to even petition against this issue of the traffic and weather reports, XM Radio is a subscription only broadcaster hence they cant affect the market of listeners whom rely solely on the old fashioned AM and FM stations. So where is the competition here? Is the NAB confused or just blinded by their own jealousy? Yes, listeners of satellite radio rarely, or never, go back to their 'counterpart' AM/FM. We, the proud, and paying, subscribers, enjoy being catered to, we enjoy access to 50+ independent genre's of music without commercials, and overall the safety factor that XM radio's Weather and Traffic Channels provide for the 100's of thousands people just like myself, without searching endlessly for the less than adequate 'broadcast' reports. Please reject the NAB's petition #04-160.